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LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI

Office of the President

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 4, 2011

Re: Docket # 11-65

Members of the Commission:

Founded in 1827, Lindenwood University is a dynamic four-year liberal arts institution dedicated to excellence in higher education. We offer more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to approximately 17,000 students through values-centered programs that lead to development of the whole person.

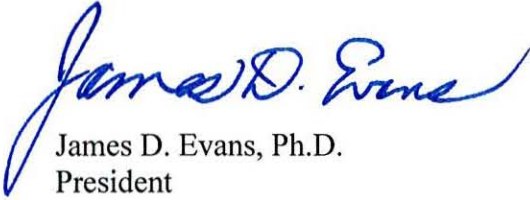
Lindenwood is known nationally and internationally for innovation, entrepreneurship, and extraordinary dedication to students. We believe that education is the way to personal freedom and responsibility, which are the keystones of any democracy. We have a liberal arts heritage that goes back more than 183 years. In that time, we have learned how to educate in a way that helps each student become an enlightened, principled citizen of a global community.

With each passing year, we are seeing technology and mobile communication play a greater role in learning and teaching. Many of today's students have grown up in a world with text messaging and instant access to Internet availability. Tomorrow's students will likely rely exclusively on handheld wireless devices. These trends make access to high-speed wireless broadband technology a crucial component to the success of our school and our students.

We are located in St. Charles, Missouri, a vibrant community northwest of St. Louis. Our students come from all over, many from rural areas where they don't have access to the type of high-speed broadband connections as their classmates from more metropolitan areas. As an educational institution preparing for the future, it is important to us that all our students have access to the same information and technology. The Federal Communications Commission can help ensure that our school and our students are able to play on a level field by approving the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. This merger will expand access to high-speed wireless broadband technology to our community and to smaller communities across the country. In fact, this merger will result in the expansion of high-speed wireless broadband access to over 97 percent of the population.

Because of the dramatic impact it can have in expanding educational opportunity, I urge you to approve the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James D. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent part.

James D. Evans, Ph.D.
President

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn